HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Cheney, Kuzman, Pelath, Brown C, Mahern, Welch, Ayres

A RESOLUTION congratulating Kristy Siminski on her first place finish in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle events at the 2002 Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Swimming and Diving State Championships.

Whereas, On Saturday, February 9, 2002, at the Indiana University Natatorium, Kristy Siminski became the first swimmer in the history of Portage High School, Portage, Indiana, to win an Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Swimming and Diving State Championships final event;

Whereas, Kristy Siminski not only won one event, she won two: the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle events;

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Whereas, Kristy finished the 200-meter freestyle event in 1:48.35, less than three-tenths of a second off the state record of 1:48.08 set by Olympic gold medal winner Lindsay Benko of Elkhart Central High School;

Whereas, Kristy's winning time in the 100-meter freestyle event was 0:50.22, beating her nearest competitor by nearly a second;

Whereas, In addition to her swimming victories, Kristy, who ranks ninth in her class of 533, was named the Mental Attitude Award winner for the 2002 swimming championships;

Whereas, In the stands to cheer her on were Kristy's mother, father, and three sisters, all of whom were Portage swimmers at one time; and

Whereas, Athletic competition helps to improve the minds and spirits of Indiana's young people. When an athlete such as Kristy Siminski reaches such lofty peaks of excellence, it is proper and fitting that special recognition be given to her: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

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SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to congratulate Kristy Siminski on her victory in the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle events in the 2002 Indiana High School Athletic Association Girls Swimming and Diving State Championships and to wish her well in her swimming and academic career at the University of Texas.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Kristy Siminski, her parents Bill and Paula, her sisters Katie, Becky, and Jenny, coach Tim Somers, assistant coach Ralph Mundt, and principal Richard Kirchner.

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